THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does Not arise.

(c) No airline has indicated its willingness to operate international flights through Madurai airport.

Revival of Air India

2506. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 934 given in the Rajya Sabha on December 8, 1998 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airlines has 24,000 employees for their 24 aircraft operation which is more than double to figures of any Airlines in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of its aircraft are old and redundant and the Airline is in no position to replace them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how Government plan to revive this Airline?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Air India with a fleet strength of 26 aircraft has 18751 employees as on 31.3.1998. The number of emplyees per aircraft is 721 which is higher in comparison with other reputed airlines.

(b) and (c) The average age of the fleet is as under:

Type	No. of Aircraft	Average Age (Years)
B747-200	7	21.8
B747-300	2	10.0
B747-400	6	03.9
A300	3	16.2
A310	8	11.3

Expansion/renewal of fleet by the airlines is a continuing exercise and depends on various factors, the more impartant ones being the resouces of the airlines, traffic requirements, suitability of the aircraft type and viability of operations of various sactors/routes.

(d) The Government has also constituted a Committee of experts under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vijay Kelkar, to undertake a comprehensive examination of the reasons for the losses incurred by the Air India and to suggest strategy for turning around the company.

Meantime the Disinvestment Commission in its VIII Report on Air India has inter-alia recommended infusion of Government equity of Rs. 1000 crores and induction of a strategic partner on the basis of global bids. The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration of the Government.

Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Air India

2507. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 936 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 1998 and state:

(a) the details of the existing strength of Pilots, Co-Pilots and other Secretarial staff in the Air India and what is the annual expenditure incurred on account of salaries and other perrequisits and how many of them are surplus in each cadre; and

(b) whether the company has since chalked out any fresh VRS for the staff and if so, the salient feature thereof and what is the number of employees likely to avail of its benefits?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Details are as under:

Category	Strength as on 1.12.98	Annual Expenditure on salaries and perquisits (Rs. in crores)
Pilots/Co-pilots	440	95.53
Secretarial Staff	1116	48.00

(b) While no category of employees has been identified as excess in Air India the employess to aircraft ratio is higher in comparison with other reputed airlines. Air India is yet to finalise the Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

Appointment of Stores and Supply Assistant in Indian Airlines

2508. SHRI GANDHI AZAD:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of candidates empanelled in February, 1995 for the post of "Stores and Supply Assistant" in Indian Airlines indicating General/SC/OBC category;

(b) the date of issuance of appointment offer;

(c) the criteria adopted for the offer of appointment;

(d) the names of candidates who declined the appointment offer indicating the date of refusal to accept the offer;

(e) whether the empanelled candidates were given appointment offer according to the merit; and

(f) if so, the details thereoff indicating category-wise (SC/ST/OBC) names of the candidates; if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No candidates were empanelled in February, 1995 for the post of "Stores and Supply Assistant" in Indian Airlines.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

औद्योगिकी तथा वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड के पास लम्बित मामले

2509. **श्री डी०पी० यादव:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) औद्योगिक तथा वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण (बी०आई०एफ०आर०) के पास रूग्ण इकाइयों के कुल कितने मामले लम्बित हैं;

(ख) क्या विभाग इन रुग्ण इकाइयों को बेचने का विचार रखता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालयत (बैंकिंग, राजस्व तथा बीमा) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कादम्बूर एम०आर० जनार्दनन): (क) से (ग) रूग्ण औद्योगिक कम्पनी (विशेष उपबंध) अधिनियम, 1985 (एसआईसीए) के उपबंधों के अन्तर्गत दिनांक 31.10.1998 की स्थिति के अनुसार औद्योगिक और वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड के पास 2381 रुग्ण औद्योगिक कम्पनियां पंजीकृत थीं। इनमें से 1722 मामलों को औद्योगिक और वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड द्वारा निपटाया जा चुका है और शेष 659 मामले विभिन्न चरणों में लम्बित हैं। इन एककों को बेचने के बारे में एसआईसीए के उपबंधों के अनुसार निर्णय लिया जाता है।

"फेरा" उल्लंघन के मामले

2510. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान देश में वर्ष-वार और राज्य वार "फेरा" उल्लंघन के कितने मामलों का पता चला है;

(ख) गिरफ्तार किए गए लोगों की राज्य-वार संख्या क्या है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है तथा क्या इन मामलों में जांच पूरी कर ली गई है;